

The School District of Lee County

Curriculum Advisory Committee
October 23, 2017
6:00 p.m. – Training Room D
Meeting Minutes

Mission Statement:

To advise the School Board by recommending approaches to obtaining improved student achievement for all students through a coherent, rigorous academic course of study that provides the tools necessary to succeed in today's society. Emphasis will be placed on the dynamic development of a K-12 curriculum within a safe environment leading to both career and technical majors, the methods of instruction used to implement it, and the assessments of its effectiveness, together with a complementary professional development program to support it.

Committee Members Present: Thomas Busatta, Joseph Camputaro, Dawn Drello-Thompson, Carolyn Feldmann, Matthew Fredrickson, Liliana Guerra-Cannata, John Heck, April Ketron, Linda Lally, Dr. Kelly Lavis, Goldye Meyer, Stephen Whitener, Judy Wilkerson

Committee Members Absent: Dr. Larry Tihen (excused), Karen Watson (excused), Sandra Wright (unexcused), Dr. Robert Nicholas Diotalevi (unexcused)

School Board Liaison Present: Steven Teuber

Staff Members Present: Brandy Macchia and Melissa Robery

Recording Secretary: Jamie Fowler

Guest: none

Welcome and Introduction of Members

The meeting was called to order by April Ketron at 6:00pm welcoming all committee members and guests. Committee Members introduced themselves to the committee.

Review of Mission Statement and Purpose of Committee

April Ketron reviewed the mission statement and reminded everyone of the purpose of the committee.

Reading and Approval of October 23, 2017 agenda

There was a motion to approve the agenda as presented by Dr. Kelly Lavis, seconded by Stephen Whitener and all voted to approve.

Reading and Approval of May 15, 2017 minutes

There was a motion to approve the minutes as presented by Dr. Kelly Lavis, seconded by Joseph Camputaro and all voted to approve.

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Elections

Dr. Kelly Lavis and April Ketron were nominated for Chairperson. The committee completed a ballot in order to make a decision. April Ketron was selected Chairperson for 2017-2018.

Stephen Whitener, Joseph Camputaro, and Dr. Kelly Lavis were nominated for Vice Chairperson. The committee completed a ballot in order to make a decision. Joseph Camputaro was selected Vice Chairperson for 2017-2018.

Board Member Report

Mr. Teuber thanked everyone for taking the time to be a part of the Curriculum Advisory Committee and expressed their importance on the committee. Mr. Teuber explained his role as Board Liaison for the Curriculum Advisory Committee. As a Board Liaison, he reports back on the work of the committee to the School Board.

The Lee County School District is one of the 13 districts in Florida working to try to make changes in Florida public education.

One of the goals the Board has is going to be educating the public on the Legislative Platform. The Board is working on bringing back a program called Grow Your Own which would guarantee our students jobs. The Board and Dr. Adkins have also made a commitment looking at how we can keep teachers in our district and provide the support that they need.

The Board is trying to help the State recognize that we are a growing District and we need funding to support the growth happening in our District.

Public Comment Guidelines

The Committee discussed if the Public comment portion of the meeting should be made at the beginning or at the end of the meeting and how much time the public would have to speak.

A motion was made to have public comment after the Review of the Mission Statement and Purpose of the Committee portion of the agenda giving each individual three minutes to speak by Dr. Kelly Lavis, seconded by Joseph Camputaro and all voted to approve.

Public Comment

None.

Future Meeting Dates

The Committee discussed the following future meeting dates for 2017-2018.

November 20, 2017	February 26, 2018	April 16, 2018
January 22, 2018	March 26, 2018	May 14, 2018

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A motion to change the November 20, 2017 meeting date to December 4, 2017 for 2017-2018 made by Judy Wilkerson, seconded by Carolyn Feldmann and all voted to approve.

A motion to keep all other dates the same for 2017-2018 made by Dr. Kelly Lavis, seconded by John Heck and all voted to approve.

Selection of Topics for Future Committee Meetings

The Committee discussed future meeting topics.

The following topics were suggested at the May 15, 2017 meeting

- Dr. Richard Itzen – Testing and Data
- Follow up to Standards for Excellence and school feedback
- New Bonita High School and their career and technical program
- Teaching outside the classroom and parent engagement
- School attendance and grades

The following motion was made by Judy Wilkerson, seconded by Stephen Whitener and all voted to approve:

To adopt the topics suggested at the May 15, 2017 meeting but begin with a focus on emphasis on college and career readiness and soft skills. Work through that issue until the committee has ideas to share with the Board then move on to the other topics or integrate them to the extent that we can.

Good of the Order

Melissa Robery shared that this year's textbook adoption will be for Science K-12 curriculum. The Publisher Textbook Showcase is scheduled for October 24th at the Lee County School District building 4:00PM – 7:00PM. This event will be open to the District as well as the community.

Wednesday October 25th the District website will be open for anyone in the community who is interested in serving on either the Elementary, Middle, or High School textbook committee.

Motion to end the meeting at 7:45 made by Dr. Kelly Lavis seconded by Dawn Drello-Thompson and all voted to adjourn.